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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
The Grand Valley Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests is inviting review and comment on the Spruce Beetle and Sudden Aspen Decline Treatments environmental assessment (EA). The Preferred Alternative is the proposed action (Alternative 1) which would involve implementing sanitation and salvage treatments as a result of the spruce beetle outbreak and sudden aspen decline (SAD) on approximately 300 acres of spruce beetle affected stands and 240 acres of sudden aspen decline affected stands, per year.

Comments concerning this proposal must be submitted within 30-days of the publication of this notice in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel.

Written / Oral Comments to:
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Attention: Spruce Beetle and Sudden Aspen Decline Treatments

Comments via e-mail:
To: comments-rocky-mountain-gmug-grande-valley@fs.fed.us
Subject: Spruce Beetle and

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Sudden Aspen Decline Treatments

In accordance with 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3), individuals or organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must comment during this second 30-day comment period (or have established appeal rights in the last comment period on the proposed action in October and November of 2010) and provide the following information: name and address, title of the proposed action, and specific substantive comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision. For appeal eligibility each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Those submitting electronic comments (fax or e-mail) may submit a scanned signature. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone or in person, or if during non-business hours, must be at an official agency function, which is designed to elicit public comment.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and

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considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decisions under 36CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27 (d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requestor of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requestor that the comments may be re-submitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

To obtain more specific information contact Kevin H. Kyle at (970) 263-5829 or khkyle@fs.fed.us.

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